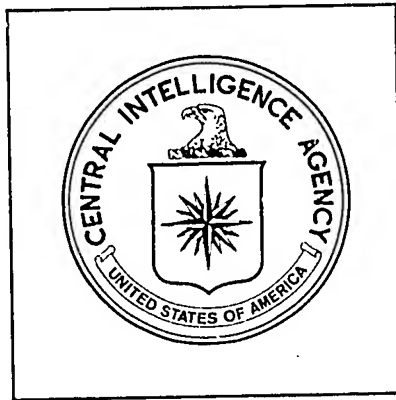


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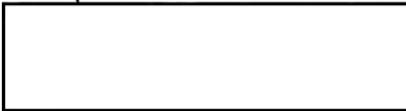
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Kenya*Colleges to Reopen on January 6*

The University of Nairobi and Kenyatta University College, closed by the government in mid-August after a student strike, will be reopened on January 6. Tough new regulations will be in force at the two institutions whose combined enrollment exceeds 9,000.

In contrast to disorders in previous years, the problems in August were largely nonpolitical. The students were objecting to poor food and overcrowding, results of the schools' rapid expansion in recent years. The students also were protesting alleged faculty preoccupation with private business interests.

The government recently published a list of students eligible to re-enter the two schools. These students must promise in writing to comply with university regulations such as requirements for compulsory class attendance and official permission for demonstrations or processions. The re-entry list excludes the seven student leaders of the August strike.


The government will probably have police on hand at the schools on registration day, and there is a good chance the institutions will reopen without disorder. Both the students and their parents are eager to get on with the education process. The diploma is essential in Kenya for a good job. Once the schools reopen, however, disorders are likely to recur because of the students' resentment over the government's tough line and their unresolved grievances about the institutions' facilities.



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Possible Summit Meeting

Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto announced Thursday he has invited President Daoud of neighboring Afghanistan to visit Pakistan. Bhutto said he wants to discuss ways to improve troubled relations between the two countries, but he did not announce a date for the talks.

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If the meeting does materialize, the two leaders will not find it easy to resolve the main issue bedeviling relations--the status of Pakistan's two frontier provinces bordering on Afghanistan. The Daoud regime strongly advocates greater autonomy for these provinces, whose inhabitants are ethnically more closely related to the people of Afghanistan than to other Pakistanis. Islamabad, for its part, regards the status of the provinces as strictly an internal Pakistani concern. The Bhutto government claims that efforts by its political opponents in these provinces to bring about provincial autonomy are in fact an Afghan-supported attempt to break up Pakistan.

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